



News in brief

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PRCLC offering photography classes

The Pine River Community Learning Center Community Education Program is offering a photography class starting Tuesday, April 10 at the Ignacio location at 535 Candelaria Dr. The classes will run for four weeks on Tuesday evenings: April 10, 17 and 24, and May 1. Class time will be 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The classes will cover digital photog-raphy basics, capture, workflow on computer and camera, manipulation, email, formatting, camera basics (aperture, shutter, focus), software, and trans-fering photos from cell phone to computer. Cost is \$75 for all four classes. You must preregister and pay prior to the start of class. If you are interested in participating, please call Deb Pace at 970-563-0681.

Attention: Sun Dancers

A meeting to prepare for the Southern Ute Sun Dance has been scheduled from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, April 12 at the Multi-purpose Facility.

Discovery Museum to host Lego League practices

The Southern Ute Education Department, in coop-eration with the Durango Discovery Museum, will host spring 2012 Lego League practice sessions on Thursdays, April 12, 19 and 26 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Team qualifications include a strong commit-ment to yourself and your team; curiosity; focus; self-control; ability to follow directions; above-aver-age work ethic; great attitude; passion for science, math, or technology; and interest in a little friendly competition. Call Carrie A. Vogel at 970-563-0235 and sign up to attend. Additional information will be passed out to qualified Southern Ute/JOM students going into the fourth, fifth and sixth grades. For more information, visit www.durangodiscovery.org.

Career Fair slated for April 19

The Southern Ute Education Department's annu-al Career Fair will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 19 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort's Events Center.

Free bison meat available to tribal members

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Division of Wildlife Resource Management maintains a small herd of bison for the Tribe's ceremonial, cultural and dietary needs. As a service to the tribal membership, the division makes available bison meat to enrolled Southern Ute tribal members free of charge. Tribal bison are grass-fed at low herd density and are free of artificial hormones and other synthetic chemicals. Bison meat is naturally low in cholesterol and an excellent, healthy alternative to beef. If you are an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member interested in obtaining bison meat for personal use, call the Divi-sion of Wildlife at 970-563-0130. Quantities and cuts of meat available may be limited.

Ignacio schools plan Relay For Life dance

On April 20, the Ignacio schools' Relay for Life Team will be hosting the fourth annual Family Dance. This year promises to be even bigger and better than years past. As in the past few years, the event will have a great D.J. (Oscar Cosio), a bake sale, and visitors will have the chance to design a luminaire for loved ones who have battled cancer. The luminaries will be displayed at the Relay for Life event on Friday, July 13.

Explorers to host yard sale

On Saturday, April 28, the Ignacio Elementary Explorers Club will be hosting a yard sale in the parking lot at Ignacio Elementary School. You can rent space for \$15. All the profits from your sales are yours. If you would like to reserve a space, please contact Deb Otten at 970-563-0661.

Red Willow to celebrate 20 years

Please join us for Red Willow Production Compa-ny's 20th Anniversary Party on Friday, May 4 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds. An authentic Louisiana Cajun boil lunch from Norton's Catering will be served with live music from Beau-Soleil. Red Willow was formed in 1992, and this year marks 20 years of continued success.

Casino to host fish and wildlife conference

The 27th annual Native American Fish and Wildlife Society Southwest Regional Conference will take place at the Sky Ute Casino Resort, July 24 – 26. This year's conference theme is "Honoring Mother Earth, Preserving Our Native Teachings, Adapting for the Future." Registration is on-site only and is \$175. Hotel rooms have been blocked at a rate of \$112 per night; to reserve, call 970-563-7777 or 888-842-4180. For more information, call Norman Jojola at 505-753-1451 or Joe Jojola at 505-563-3408.

Seeking Southern Ute, Native American elders

You are invited to come and share your culture and traditional expertise with the students of the South-ern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. You can choose the group size you will work with. You will be compensated with a stipend. For more information, call Georgia McKinley at 970-563-0253 ext. 2701.

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Information sessions for adult learners

Are you ready to earn your bachelor's degree? Learn how at free informational sessions from Fort Lewis College. Sessions will cover opportunities for adult learners at FLC and explain how to enroll and apply for financial aid. Sessions are free and open to the public, and will be held every Wednesday except for the second Wednesday of each month at the Durango Public Library from 6 to 7 p.m. in Program Room 3. For more information, call 970-247-7670.

Many Moons Ago



Jim Newton/SU DRUM archives

10 years ago

Southern Ute Royalty members Daisy Frost, Lindsay Box and Katrina Naranjo were part of the grand entry during the annual Denver March Powwow. Fifty-eight drums groups participated in the year's event. Dancers from all over the United States and Canada showed their best moves in preparation for the upcoming powwow season. The Southern Ute Veterans Association also carried flags in the grand entry.

This photo first appeared in the April 5, 2002, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



A. Santistevan/SU DRUM archives

20 years ago

Southern Ute tribal elders Bertha Grove, Belle Cuthair, Jane Newton and Sunshine Smith enjoy one of the many services and activities that are offered by the Ignacio Senior Center. A mailing list was used as a handy way to keep the elders abreast of the programs and services provided. Director San Jean Ketchum hoped to organize a trip to the Anasazi Heritage Center near Dolores, Colo.

This photo first appeared in the April 4, 1992, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



photo archives/SU DRUM

30 years ago

Following the tribal flag into the arena during the Denver March Powwow at the Denver Coliseum were Samantha Pinnecoose, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pinnecoose; Theres Harlan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan; Mikki Naranjo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Naranjo; and Melanie Box, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Box Jr. These young ladies also entered the Jr. Miss Indian Colorado Pageant in Denver.

This photo first appeared in the April 9, 1982, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



Attention Tribal Members and Casino Patrons !

Beginning April 2nd the West Front Entrance of Sky Ute Casino will be designated as a

NO PARKING ZONE!

For our guest safety we will begin this procedure. Emergency vehicles must be able to easily enter this area. Also we will implement additional Southern Ute Tribal Elder parking near the front outside circle of the north parking area. All additional special parking areas will be identified. If you are a Southern Ute Tribal Elder and would like to receive a special parking permit to use one of these designated areas around the casino please see the Player Center for details.

All violator's vehicles who do not have a special permit for these areas will be ticketed and towed at owners expense! If you have any questions please call the General Manager's office at 970.563.1351.

THE CASINO APPRECIATES YOUR COOPERATION